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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: ILLUMINATION APPARATUS, EXPOSURE METHOD, EXPOSURE
APPARATUS, AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23,
2004, please amend the above-identified patent application
as indicated below.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing
of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.

disclosure how a person of ordinary skill in the art could reasonably modify the structure disclosed in Kudo to accomplish the proposed extrapolation. Claim 22 and the claims dependent thereon clearly distinguish from Kudo and should be allowed.

Incidentally, with regard to Claim 5, a zoom optical system is not inherent in Kudo. The term "zoom optical system" has a well defined meaning in the art. Simply stated, a zoom optical system changes magnification between a telephoto end and a wide angle end of a lens system. This is not disclosed in Kudo and would not have been obvious from Kudo.

This application is now clearly in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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